



# TOWN OF THOMPSON

## Board of Selectmen - Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2022  
.Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall  
and via ZOOM Online Meeting Portal

- I. The call to order by First Selectman Amy St Onge was at 7:01 PM with all Selectmen present.  
Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Ken Beausoleil and Susanne Witkowski.  
Michelle Giammarinaro (HR Director). Alison Boutaugh, Library Director, Bill Steglitz, Finance Director, Members of Boards and Commissions, Fire Departments, and the public. Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Approval of Minutes  
**A.Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the 09-28-2022 BOS Tri-Board Meeting Minutes as presented carried, with K. Beausoleil abstaining.**  
**B.Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept the 10-04-2022 BOS Meeting Minutes as presented, noting a typo in #7: Main-~~Street~~ Street. Motion carried with S. Witkowski abstaining.**
- IV. Correspondence
  - A. DESPP Summary of Services September 2022 was read aloud
  - B. Girl Scouts Bronze Award Project: A. St Onge read aloud the commendation and explanation, which had been forwarded by Jessica Bolte; many of the Girl Scouts, Troop 117, were present in the room. Some Scouts came to the microphone to make a comment or explain the photos of the project as they were being shared in the room. S. Witkowski praised the diligent work of the Troup and of Scout leader Jessica Bolte and thanked them for their attendance. K. Beausoleil proposed looking into a recognition from the town for this significant achievement.
- V. Selectmens' Comments:
  - K. Beausoleil and S. Witkowski noted the success of Community Day
  - A. St Onge commented on: \* Laser Light Show, Oct 27 \* The annual Turkey Trot: financial benefits and impacts to TEEG, Trails and Recreation as well as a fun event for the community
  - \* The new DPW Director is in place as of October 31, opening a space for a new mechanic
  - \*LIDAR mapping of town road surfaces will allow reclaiming and reconstruction, creating a tracking system with priorities for upkeep; neighboring towns of Woodstock and Putnam are using this and find it helpful. \* MAPFRE Insurance Company has donated a modern, segmented conference table for use in the Merrill Seney Room, with 16 coordinating chairs; the liaison was Rob L'Heureux. \* Sidewalks are near completion and the state will begin roadway repaving at the end of October; the state has been requested to adding 2 handicapped parking places and along with the 5 others near Main Street Grill, which should be business-friendly. \* The month's stellar report for EMS services will be delivered later in this meeting; the new arrangement is working out effectively.
- VI. Citizens' Comments: none
- VII. New Hires:  
**Motion S. Witkowski seconded by A. St Onge to approve the employment of Michael McManis and Philip D'Amaso as Maintainers at the DPW, as recommended after the series of interviews, carried unanimously.** K. Beausoleil asked to see the applications.

- VIII. Thompson Library Board of Trustees re: Bids for Facility: Library Director Alison Boutaugh reviewed the process of obtaining bids for both the automatic doors replacement and the roof-mounted boiler replacements. The Library Board feels that neither generated a bid that can be recommended to the BOS for action. EMCOR, a current vendor, has previously submitted a price quote but not a current bid. The BOS encouraged the Library Director/Board to obtain a bid from this firm, as they have high confidence in the previous work that was done by them. No action was taken by the BOS at this time.
- IX. Award Contract 65 Main Street: A. St Onge praised Joe Iamartino for his generous donation of \$20,000, which has already been received, to be used for the preliminary design work at 65 Main Street, thus allowing the grant funds to be utilized for the construction work. Brian Santos, a member of the Building Committee and others, will use his professional expertise to oversee the process for the town. S. Witkowski expressed concerns about long-term obligations to the town should building cost overages occur. A. St Onge advocated for the project moving forward, as Main Street revitalization is underway; this town-owned property presents a negative image. Should the proposed use of the building not materialize successfully, after 5 years the town can change the uses, as provided by the language in the \$240,000 grant.  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the awarding of the bid for architectural and engineering services at 65 Main Street to Silver Petrucelli & Associates, Hamden, carried, with S. Witkowski opposed.**
- X. Award Contract: The Building Committee reviewed the proposals for the Salt Storage Shed/Emergency Services Building, creating a score sheet. They interviewed a partner at Silver & Petrucelli & Associates which earned the confidence of the Committee. Even though this firm was not the low bidder at \$170,100, the Committee recommends that the bid be awarded to Silver Petrucelli & Associates, Hamden.  
**Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the recommendation of the Building Committee to awarding the Salt Storage Shed/Emergency Services Building to Silver Petrucelli & Associates, Hamden, carried unanimously.**
- XI. Resignation:  
**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to accept with regret the resignation of Jonathan Hoenig from the Building Committee carried unanimously.**
- XII. 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule: After review of the proposed dates-  
**Motion S. Witkowski seconded by A. St Onge to approve the BOS meeting schedule for FY 2023 as presented carried unanimously.**
- XIII. Putnam EMS – August and September 2022 Reports: Tammy Spzyrka representing Putnam EMS reported on August (232 calls/136 Putnam, 96 Thompson) and September (228 calls/ 151 Putnam, 67 Thompson). Mutual aid calls were enumerated, and time from call to on-air, as well as call times from dispatch to response were detailed. All were excellent. The special events covered during the time period: Several at The Speedway, The Woodstock Fair, Football games, The RiMaConn event and stand-by at the State Park during a significant situation. K. Beausoleil asked about staff needs. Originally 16 EMTs were identified as needed (8 in each town) which are almost filled (2 slots are open). The need for additional part-time staff for peak times will soon be addressed. Tammy was thanked for being present at the BOS meeting and presenting a detailed report. A new EMT from Stonington who is now local, Logan Taylor, volunteered for the EMS Services Board.
- XIV. Other Business: none

## XV. Citizens' Comments:

-Valerie Clark, 105 Alm Rd: noted that the town meetings calendar is not being kept current, specifically the upcoming Planning and Zoning meeting. \* WINY announced that the town assessor is leaving, and she asked for what transition plan is in place. A. St Onge: the assessor was incorrectly reported as leaving Thompson.

– Nadine Williams-Edwards, 131 Spicer Road: A. St Onge noted before Nadine spoke that when she her First Selectman's report she had omitted a section of regarding armed security at the schools. Nadine is interested in pursuing the topic. An ad hoc committee is being established to examine the concept and bring their findings to the public.

## XVI. Tax Refunds:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve tax refunds as presented in the amount of \$2,589.82 carried unanimously.**

ACAR Leasing LTD	\$215.54	Proulx, Dennis W.	\$11.78
ACAR Leasing LTD	\$157.02	Siegmund, Angela & Arthur	\$134.90
Cerasiello, Lisa & Mark S.	\$97.98	Toyota Lease Trust	\$443.26
Choquette, Roland	\$25.02	Toyota Lease Trust	\$543.56
Meehan, Jared & Seana A	\$247.33	Toyota Lease Trust	\$652.52
Poblocki, Michael J.	\$60.91		

## XVII. Adjourn:

**Motion A. St Onge seconded by K. Beausoleil to adjourn at 8:17 PM carried unanimously.**

To hear and see the meeting, use the link to the Zoom recording:

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Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary *Dorothy Durst*

*These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.*